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## LOCATION OF STATE COLLEGE

### Difficult Task of the Two Boards Happily Completed.

The True Democrat went to press last week while the educational boards in joint session were still at work, and we were able only to announce the election of Gainesville for the site of the University by a vote of 6 to 4, and the unanimous choice of Tallahassee as the site of the Female College.

In its subsequent sessions the joint board decided to continue the work of the University at Lake City temporarily, for a year, in order to allow time for the erection of necessary buildings at Gainesville.

Dr. Andrew Sledd was chosen as President of the University and Prof. A. A. Murpree as President of the Female College, each at a salary of \$2,500 a year. Each was authorized to name a faculty for the respective institutions, subject to the approval of the boards.

The location of the Deaf, Dumb and Blind institute was not definitely made, but was offered to Lake City, to be located at that place if desired by the people thereof, otherwise to remain at St. Augustine; and a committee composed of Superintendent Holloway and Messrs. Bryan and Adams, of the Board of Control, was appointed to ascertain the wishes of Lake City.

In reply to the offer of the joint board to Lake City of the Blind, Deaf and Dumb Institute, the mayor of that city, the chairman or the board of county commissioners and the chairman of the citizen's committee united in a communication addressed to the committee appointed to present the matter on behalf of the joint board, "respectfully but firmly" declining the honor. That institution will therefore remain at St. Augustine.

Superintendent Holloway was chosen as the secretary of the joint boards.

One of the wisest and most satisfactory acts of the joint board was the determination to establish a complete Normal department for each of the two colleges, thus solving what had been regarded as the rather difficult problem of Normal co-education as it had prevailed heretofore at the DeFuniak Springs school.

### THE FACULTIES.

For the University:  
D. Y. Thomas, History.  
J. M. Farr, English and Literature.  
Chas. M. Connor, Agriculture.  
S. A. Roberts, Ass't in Agriculture.  
E. R. Flint, Chemistry.  
A. W. Blair, Ass't. Chemistry.  
B. H. Bridges, Second Ass't. Chemistry.  
J. R. Benton, Physics.  
M. T. Hockstrasser, Mechanical Engineering.  
C. H. Cox, Civil Engineering.  
Carl Schmidt, Mathematics.  
E. H. Sallard, Zoology.  
F. M. Rolfs, Botany.  
C. A. Finley, Librarian and Custodian.  
Prof. Veterinary Science (to be filled).  
Ass't. in Botany (to be filled).  
Physical Director (to be filled).  
J. T. Mitchell, Foreman Agricultural Department.  
F. M. Stearns, Gardener Horticultural Department.  
Normal Department--H. E. Bennett, Principal; W. F. Yocum, Latin; W. F. Floyd, Science; W. F. Cawthorn, Mathematics; G. M. Lynch, History.

For the Female College:  
L. W. Buchholz, A. M., Professor of Philosophy and Pedagogy.  
S. M. Tucker, Ph. D., Professor of English Language and Literature.  
J. C. Calhoun, A. M., Professor of German and Romanic Languages.  
J. M. Anderson, Ph. D., Professor of Greek and Latin.  
Gerome McNeil, Ph. D., Chemistry and Biology.  
Arthur Williams, A. M., Professor of History and Political Science.  
E. R. Smith, A. M., Professor of Mathematics.  
Miss Mary Apthorp, A. B., Librarian and Assistant in Latin.  
Mrs. W. H. Reynolds, Matron.  
To be supplied: Teacher of Primary Method and Director of Model School.  
Teacher of Domestic Science and Manual Training.  
Teacher of Drawing and Painting.  
Teacher of Vocal Music and Voice Culture and Instrumental Music.  
Teacher of Floccution.  
Teacher of Physical Culture.  
Normal Department--L. W. Buchholz, principal; Mrs. J. C. Compton, M. E. L.; Miss Mary Sidney Johnson, A. B., Assistant; Miss Anna E. Chaires, Kindergarten Instructor.

For the Blind, Deaf and Dumb Institute:  
W. B. Hare, Principal.  
A. H. Walker, Literary Department.  
Miss Fattie Thomason, Teacher of the Deaf.  
Miss Cora M. Jack, Teacher of the Deaf.  
Miss Sadie Lillard, Teacher of the Deaf and Physical Culture.

Miss M. Burton, Teacher of the Blind.  
R. L. Parks, Mnsic.  
Mrs. W. B. Hare, Matron.  
W. E. Pope, Printing and Boys' Supervisor.

Miss W. I. McLane, Sewing and Girls Supervisor.  
Miss Mary Rhyne, Dressmaking and Children's Supervisor.  
For the colored department: W. A. Caldwell, Manager and Teacher.  
Claude Samuel, Assistant and Girls' Supervisor.

Considering the unusual and exceedingly difficult duties which the Board of Control and the State Board of Education were called upon to perform under the arbitrary provisions of the Buckman College Law, and the positive requirement of haste in the performance thereof, in order that no interruption or delay might occur in the administration of the new system, the two boards have proceeded with admirable harmony, extraordinary rapidity and, withal, under circumstances of great delicacy and difficulty, to a consummation which, although not unexpected, reflects infinite credit upon the faculties and abilities of the several members, and which will remain as an enduring monument to their wisdom, their judgment and their patriotism, throughout generations yet unborn.

### Dr. Blocker's Appointment.

From the Pensacola Journal:

Albert Williamson, of the Jacksonville Floridian, is a good fellow and he always means well, but he unfortunately seems to be the possessor of one of those hair-trigger dispositions which have been the undoing of many another good man and which, unless a curb of some kind is put upon it, we greatly fear will cause Albert himself many a moment of remorse.

The Floridian's latest outbreak consists of an attack on Governor Broward for appointing Dr. Louis de M. Blocker, of this city, on the committee to investigate the condition of affairs at the State insane asylum. The Floridian bases its objection on the ground that Dr. Blocker, as a former employee of the asylum, could not now afford to permit a report which would reflect on its past management.

Therein is where the Floridian does both Governor Broward and Dr. Blocker a grave injustice. So far as the governor is concerned he did right in appointing on the committee a man whose past experience as an attaché of the asylum will enable him to get at the bottom of the case without any needless delay and without that slow uncertainty which must obviously characterize the work of a man less familiar with the situation itself.

So far as Dr. Blocker is concerned, the Floridian simply exhibits its ignorance of the man by presuming (1) that he could have been a party to any irregularities which may have existed at the asylum under past managements or (2) that he could be induced to suppress any part of the truth in an investigation of this kind, no matter whom the truth might hurt or help. Dr. Blocker is not the kind of a man which the Floridian so hastily assumes him to be. Rather than having made a mistake in the appointment of Dr. Blocker, the Journal does not hesitate to say that, in its opinion, Governor Broward has made few appointments as good, and certainly none better, than the appointment of the gentleman referred to on the asylum investigating committee. In that appointment alone the public has the best possible assurance that we shall have the truth about the past and present conduct of this most important State institution.

### Oyster Roast.

One of the most enjoyable features of the summer season at Panacea Springs was an oyster roast at the hotel last Saturday evening. The regular evening meal was dispensed with and instead long tables were spread upon the grounds north of the hotel and loaded with roasted oysters and other edibles. The whole was presided over by Mrs. J. L. Morgan, who has a way of seeing that each and every guest is waited on bountifully. Everyone enjoyed the oyster roast so much that it has been decided to repeat it next Saturday, the 15th, and it may be decided to give them every week.

This hotel is now enjoying a very liberal patronage--both in the main building and annex being comfortably filled. There are yet some cottages belonging to the hotel, however, which can be brought into service, giving room for anybody that comes.

John G. Kellum finishes his duties as chief clerk of the house of representatives only to take upon himself the duties of another important public position. He has been appointed secretary of the board of control created by the Buckman school bill. Mr. Kellum is a young man of fine qualities of head and heart and deserves the honors that are being bestowed upon him. His friends in Bradford county hope that the best of good fortune may always attend him. --Starke Telegraph.

Try an ad in The True Democrat.

## SEABOARD PLANS OF READJUSTMENT

### Funds Forthcoming for Betterments and Improvements.

The modified plan of the Seaboard Air Line Railway is an unquestioned success. Its prompt endorsement and acceptance by a large majority of the stockholders makes it an accomplished fact. The plan of the new owners will be perfected without any further delay or difficulty.

In a recent issue the New York News Bureau says: "Messrs. Thomas F. Ryan, Blair & Co., Ladenburg, Thalmann & Co., and other members of this committee are receiving congratulatory letters and telegrams on the great success of the Seaboard readjustment plan from the stockholders who are interested in the plan."

Said a prominent financier here today: The success of the modified plan has been as remarkable as it is satisfactory, especially in view of the fact that the action of the stockholders in approving it was entirely voluntary. The holders of over 83 per cent. of the outstanding stock, of their own volition promptly deposited their stock with the trust companies designated, and since the expiration of the time in which deposit of stock was to be made, numerous applications have been received from stockholders asking the privilege of depositing their holdings.

There has seldom been in the history of the country a more successful railroad readjustment; and this has been accomplished notwithstanding the bitter and determined attacks made upon the plan and the vigorous effort made to influence the stockholders of the Seaboard to withhold their approval and consent.

Messrs. Thomas F. Ryan, Blair & Co., Ladenburg, Thalmann & Co. and their associates on the committee must feel highly gratified and greatly pleased at the confidence, not only of the stockholders of the Seaboard Air Line Railway, but of the general public, as is evidenced in the remarkable success of their plan of readjustment and the evidence thereby given of their confidence in the ability and fidelity of the present management, as well as in the future of the Seaboard Air Line Railway property.

Those familiar with the Seaboard and advised as to its requirements have long recognized the necessity for funds sufficient to perfect its physical condition and so improve its terminal facilities as to provide for the economical and expeditious handling of its rapidly increasing business. The plan proposed, it is understood, will provide a sum sufficient to meet the present and future wants of the Seaboard, and it is believed will secure a satisfactory return to the stockholders upon the investment made by them.

### ELLIS COMPLIMENTED.

### Attorney-General May Make Good Material for Governor.

Pensacola, July 7, 1905.  
To the Editor of The True Democrat:  
We heard some news from your city recently that was refreshing to all true Democrats. Rumor says a certain matter was up before a certain board at the State Capitol, of which the Attorney-General is a member, and after listening for a while to the statements, he declined to remain and take any further part, as he thought the party was not being accorded "a square deal."

We have noticed your favorable comment on his, Attorney-General Ellis' demand, when the removal of the insane asylum officials about to be made, that it was the duty of the board to go into full investigation of the asylum, before anything else was done, and if there was any wrong doing to find out to whom the blame belonged. Had such a manly course been followed, the guilty would have been found, to be punished later by the courts, and the people of the State would have been spared the exposure made by the legislative committee of the atrocities committed at the asylum, which astonished the civilized world, and which it is claimed, were known to the late Governor Jennings, who, it is said, two years ago altered the report of Senator Sams and others, cutting out of their report what was objectionable to him, as it was against the doings of his confidential friend, the doctor, then in charge, placed there by the board, on the removal of Mr. Trammell, against whom it is said there were no charges (unless it was his honesty).

Go on my friend, exposing those who have reached the high places, and for four years have been perpetrating frauds, thinking they were fooling the people. I believe the trust of the people of the State of Florida can be left with the present attorney-general, and that in the end he will help the courts unearth some of these frauds of the past four years; and if, in the future, the convict camp should hold some of them, by his aid, he will find the honest people of the State anxious to serve him, as the citizens of Missouri have done to their folk, by saying "You have been faithful over a few things, go up higher and be our ruler."

Ever yours, JOHN.  
We feel strongly disposed to endorse all that our correspondent says of At-

torney-General Ellis, and we feel quite sure he is right in asserting that ex-Governor Jennings was cognizant--if other members of the Board of State Institutions were not--of all or most of the events which took place at the hospital and in relation thereto; and we now have the statement of the joint investigating committee, published in the Times-Union of July 7, that the report of the commission appointed in 1901 to investigate the hospital, presented to the Legislature of 1903, was mutilated and emasculated after it had been signed and delivered to the Governor (Jennings). If the House committee appointed to investigate the joint investigating committee had not been short of time, it might have taken up this branch of the matter, and by interrogating Senator Sams and others, could have secured some exceedingly interesting testimony.

### THE WOMAN'S CLUB

### Takes Wise, Strong and Timely Action on School Matters.

There was a large attendance at the meeting of the Woman's Club in the parlor of the Leon yesterday afternoon and the Club took action on several important matters.

The question of re-establishing the Kindergarten along the lines adopted last winter was considered, in connection with the prospect that the county board might afford kindergarten instruction under the new laws, and that the kindergarten section of the Normal department of the Florida Female College might afford such instruction. The matter was ably debated, and the views of Superintendent Eppes, who was present, were given in full. It was finally referred to a committee, of which Mrs. Chas. A. Cay is chairman, to confer with the school and college authorities, with power to act. President Murphree, who had also been invited to attend the meeting, was not present.

The matter of providing a male teacher for the boys in the county high school, was disposed of by the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas, The Florida State College being abolished, our community finds itself called upon to furnish extra high school accommodations for the large number of boys cast adrift; and,

Whereas, The Female College established here will provide for all girls passing the Tenth grade, thereby leaving the Eleventh and Twelfth grades exclusively for boys; it is,

Resolved, That we ask the citizens to join us in a petition to the County School Board for a male teacher for these boys, in addition to the present faculty, who shall be qualified to teach Latin and Greek.

Superintendent Eppes assured the Club that both himself and the school board would act in entire harmony with the Club, not only in this but in all other matters relating to education, and would be only too glad to have the Club's co-operation and advice. He also, by request of the President, gave some very valuable information concerning the special tax district law, and strongly advised the Club to make nominations for the office of trustees of the district to be chosen at the approaching election, and urged the Club to advocate the levy of the full limit of there mills as a special tax.

The Club adjourned to its next regular meeting in August but can be called together at any previous date by the President, if deemed necessary.

### An Invitation.

Dear John: I extend you a cordial invitation to come out and visit us. If you can't come, send your representative and get some dots for your paper. Mr. Ginsberg, Black, and Wanish promised to come and they better make haste, so as to see everything at its best. The young tobacco is fine. Let me know when to expect you. A line mailed Friday night will reach me Saturday. Club together and come. Tell Mr. Black to bring Josephine to get acquainted with my two little girls.

Your friend, W. C. Cromartie.  
Sorry we cannot come just at this time. Will try and come soon. Continue to send us items from your neighborhood. We will appreciate them.  
Yours, J. G. C.

### More Asylum Trouble.

Just as we go to press with this issue it is rumored that entire force of white employees at the State hospital have quit work because of the refusal of Superintendent Whiter to comply with their demand for the discharge from the hospital service of Mr. and Mrs. D. D. W. L. Yarborough. The grievance against the Yarboroughs consists of reports of his statements to the joint investigating committee, as detailed by that body in its reply to the Board of State Institutions, published in the Times-Union of July 7.

The people of Gainesville are all united in building up the city and the fact that we have had local option for two years and the city is still prosperous, is evidence sufficient to satisfy all that we can get along without it, in our business at least. --Gainesville Sun.

## DOINGS AT THE STATE CAPITOL

### Items of Interest from the Various State Departments.

#### EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

Appointments: Percy S. Bacon, Tampa, inspector of naval stores for Pensacola.

Dr. David W. Ramsaur, Palatka, member of the State Board of Pharmacy, vice Dr. James E. Kirk, Jacksonville, resigned.

J. D. Ferguson, Berlin, supervisor of registration, Marion county.

A. P. Porter, Ebb, justice of the peace for District 4, Madison county.

W. R. Patterson, Orange Dale, justice of the peace, 3rd District, St. Johns county.

Notaries Public, State at Large--Charles Robert Woods, Spring Park.

W. D. Albany, Coconut Grove.

W. M. Sannett, Jacksonville.

Charles R. Dilzer, New Smyrna.

John W. Henderson, Luanna.

Geo. W. Hare, Athensville.

L. B. Skinner, Dunedin.

W. D. Abury, Coconut Grove.

#### PARDONING BOARD.

The following applications were refused: Lucian Stubbs, Duval county, forgery; Ivy Midgett, Jefferson county, murder, life sentence; E. A. McCarthy, Duval county, forgery; Will Golden, Putnam county, assault; Alex. Morrhine, Duval county, obtaining money under false pretense; W. L. Taylor, assault with intent, etc.

Sentences commuted: Wm. Schiller, Duval county, selling liquor on Sunday, to \$250 fine and 30 days; Ed Smith, Marion county, murder, death sentence, commuted to life imprisonment.

#### SUPREME COURT.

James Council, plaintiff in error, vs. F. A. Lewter, defendant in error, Orange county. Decree affirmed.

James M. Graham, appellant, vs. Z. C. Herlong, appellee, Alachua county. Judgment reversed; opinion by Shackelford, C. J.

Willie Stafford, plaintiff in error, vs. State of Florida, defendant in error, Holmes county. Judgment affirmed; opinion by Whitfield, J.

N. Basco, appellant, vs. Jennie L. Doyle, executrix, etc., et al., appellees, Citrus county. Decree reversed, with instructions to dismiss without prejudice, etc.; opinion by Cockrell, J.

E. E. Ropes, plaintiff in error, vs. Isaac A. Stewart, defendant in error, Volusia county. Motion to strike portion of record denied.

Martel Lumber Co. et al., appellants, vs. Commercial Bank, appellee, Marion county. Motion to dismiss appeal granted.

J. W. Pearson, appellant, vs. E. T. Helveston et al., appellees, Alachua county. Motion to strike portions of record denied.

William T. Simmons et al., plaintiffs in error, vs. Louis W. Hanne et al., defendants in error. Writ of error to circuit court of Duval county. Writ dismissed on motion of counsel for defendants in error; opinion by Parkhill, J.

Hubbard & Hood, Plaintiffs in error, vs. H. L. Anderson, defendant in error. Writ of error to circuit court of Marion county. Judgment reversed; opinion by Parkhill, J.

W. S. Varn by next friend, plaintiff in error, vs. Peninsular Telephone Co., Hillsborough county. Judgment affirmed; per curiam, Hocker, J., dissenting.

#### STATE DEPARTMENT.

Letters patent: Mullarkey-Morse Investment Co., Fernandina, \$15,000. Incorporators: E. F. Morse, Jno. F. Mullarkey, D. P. Mullarkey.

LaFayette County Abstract Co., Mayo, \$5,000. Incorporators: W. E. Baker, Henry Lancaster, R. Lancaster.

South Florida Naval Stores Co., Tampa, \$500,000. Incorporators: M. W. Ulmer, J. G. Boyd, J. W. Ward, Jr., J. A. Fort, R. S. Hall, J. W. Callahan.

#### Which?

Comparisons are very odious to the party interested and affected, but they serve as a healthy reminder to the general public that some people are disposed to grab that to which they are not entitled. Last week's True Democrat published the bid for the State printing set in official form and legal type, which measured eight inches. The same bid appears in the Capital of the same city set in illegal type, which measured thirteen inches. Query: Will the State pay for eight or thirteen inches? "Lord, Lord! how some folks are given to gouging and grabbing that to which they have no shadow of right!"--Jasper News.

Hon. E. D. Beggs of Pensacola made an elaborate argument before the supreme court on Wednesday in the case of the State at the relation of John Sunday, plaintiff in error, vs. W. W. Richards, tax collector of Escambia county, involving a tax title to real estate.

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